Boeing-737-200S" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated September 20, 1996;

(b) if so, the total amount raised since last year when it began its old aircraft disposal programme;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for this purpose;

(d) the total aircraft strength at present which have become old;

(e) the total money likely to be earned by selling these aircrafts;

(f) the number of aircraft to be purchased for their replacement; and

(g) by what time all old aircraft will be replaced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Board of Indian Airlines Limited approved the disposal of 8 B737-200 Aircraft. 4 aircraft have been sold to Indian parties at the cost of Rs. 24.15 crores and 2 aircraft to foreign parties for USD 7.6 million. Out of remaining two aircraft, One aircraft was heavily cannibalised and withdrawn from sale and other met with an accident and withdrawn from sale and compensation received from Insurance company.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No life is specified for modern transport aircraft, which may continue in operation as long as they are maintained in airworthiness condition in accordance with the procedures prescribed by manufacturers and DGCA

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Clandestine Radio Activities Across Borders

1066. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in *The Sunday Observer*, New Delhi dated September 22-28, 1996 caption "Hi-tech counter offensive to jam ISI radio waves";

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) how it is proposed to counter the sudden spurt of clandestine ISI radio activity across Rajasthan and Gujarat borders and the Hi-tech jamming of radio waves?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Export of Steel by Bokaro Steel Plant

1067. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of steel exported by Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount outstanding against various countries; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Quantity and value of steel materials exported by Bokaro Steel Plant during the last three years are given below :-

Year	Quantity ('000 MT)	Value (Rs./Cr.)
1993-94	70.86	58.76
1994-95	79.02	84.96
1995-96	40.18	49.79

(b) and (c) There is no outstanding amount on account of exports.

[English]

Conversion of Unmanned Level Crossings into Manned Level Crossings

1068. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to "man" the palliady level crossing in the Trivandrum - Kanniyakumari railway section;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to man the level crossings in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal from State Government.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis, after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Governments who have to invest the initial capital cost.

Setting up of New Steel Producing Units

1069. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more primary and secondary steel producing units/mini steel plants to increase output of steel;